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SUBJECT: EC WINE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING EC COMMITTEES
CONCERNED WITH WINE MAY BE USEFUL BACKGROUND FOR THE UPCOMING
WINE CONSULTATIONS.

2. THERE IS A FORMALLY ESTABLISHED ADVISORY COOMITTEE
ON WINE SET UP BY A DECISION OF THE COMMISSION
ON JULY 18, 1962. IT IS COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF GROWERS, COOPERATIVES, THE WINE-MAKING AND
PROCESSING INDUSTRIES, THE WINE TRADE, AGRICULTURAL
WORKERS AND WORKERS IN THE WINE INDUSTRY, AND CONSUMERS.
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMISSION TAKE
PART IN MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE AND ITS SECRETARIAL
SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION. THE
COMMITTEE MAY BE CONSULTED BY THE COMMISSION ON
ANY PROBLEM REGARDING THE COMMON ORGANIZATION OF THE
MARKET IN WINE. SEE THE EC OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF
DECEMBER 24, 1973 FOR THE LATEST COMMISSION DECISION
ON THIS COMMITTEE.

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3. ANOTHER COMMITTEE HAS SOMETIMES BEEN REFERRED TO AS THE WINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THIS IS THE "COMITE DE LA CEE DES INDUSTRIES ET DU COMMERCE DES VINS, VINS AROMATISES, VINS MOUSSEUX, VINS DE LIQUEUR". THE US WINE INSTITUTE HAS HAD EXTENSIVE CONTACT WITH THIS COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS A SUBCOMMITTEE ON BOTTLE STANDARDS. THIS COMMITTEE IS NOT, HOWEVER, A RECOGNIZED EC ORGAN, BUT A PRIVATE INDUSTRY LOBBY GROUP. THE COMMISSION DOES NOT NECESSARILY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MEETINGS, BUT WE HAVE A RECORD OF ONE MEETING WHICH NICOLAS MERGEN, THE COMMISSION OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR BOTTLING STANDARDS, ATTENDED AS AN OBSERVER.

4. FINALLY, THERE IS YET A THIRD WINE COMMITTEE WORTH NOTING. THIS IS THE "FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES INDUSTRIES ET DU COMMERCE ENGROS DES VINS ET SPIRITUEUX DE LA CEE", HEADQUARTERED IN PARIS. LIKE THE COMMITTEE REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 2, IT IS A NON- OFFICIAL INDUSTRY PRESSURE GROUP.
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